

Office of Community Living: Long Term Services and Supports Division

Home and Community Based Services

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Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**



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LTSS HCBS Waivers: Main Areas

- Snapshot of Waiver Utilization
- CWA Waiver Expansion Disapproval
- Waiver Amendments
- Statewide Transition Plan



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Waiver Utilization

- Brain Injury (BI) Waiver
 - Number Served: 343
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Waiver
 - Number Served: 22,602
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) Waiver
 - Number Served: 3,159
- Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Waiver
 - Number Served: 52
- Children With Autism (CWA) Waiver
 - Number Served: 75
- Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI) Waiver
 - Number Served: 156
- Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS) Waiver
 - Number Served: 1,192



CWA Waiver Expansion

- Intent of Expansion:
 - Eliminating the Waitlist
 - Increasing Age Limit
 - Flexibility in Access Times
 - Increase for Client Expenditures
 - Program Evaluation

CWA Waiver Expansion

- CMS Disapproval Sent on September 14th, 2015
 - Stated services should be covered in EPSDT
- Impact
 - Services will continue for those on the waiver
 - Waitlist families received letter about how to access services through EPSDT
- Next Steps
 - Committed to ensuring children receive services
 - Helping navigate EPSDT
 - Department is working on next steps



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Waiver Amendments

- Timeline
- Waiver Challenges
 - HCBS Settings Final Rule
 - Public Noticing requirements
- Progress!



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Waivers Submitted to CMS

- Children with Life Limiting Illness Waiver
 - Renewal
 - Most recently submitted on 9/3/15
 - Granted Temporary Extension
- Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver
 - Amendment
 - Submitted on 8/21/15

Waivers Pending Submission

- Brain Injury (BI) Waiver Amendment
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Waiver Amendment
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) Waiver Amendment
- Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Waiver Renewal



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Summary of Changes

- Rate increases
- Participant Directed Program(s) changes
- Client count increases
- HCB Settings waiver specific transition plan updates
- Policy changes

Comprehensive List and Fact Sheets:

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>



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Statewide Transition Plan

- Second Iteration
 - Living Document
- Public Noticing Begins 10/13/15
- Next Steps
 - Increased Stakeholder Input/Meetings
 - Specifics Around Review Process
 - Additional Clarification from CMS

Questions, Comments, Concerns?



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